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Marginal Column

By DAVID VITAL

THE current number of *Foreign Affairs*, the American quarterly, contains an article which, in view of the fact that the journal has in the past put forward learned and well-founded proposals for U.S. foreign policy, has attracted surprisingly little attention. The article, called "The World is Round," is written by the editor, Hamilton Fish Armstrong, apparently in the crucial time-gap between the election and Mr. Eisenhower's assumption of office. Mr. Armstrong's piece contains a spirited defence of the United Nations and the decision to resist the Communist attack in Korea. But he devotes his attention above all to the question: "If we will not appease, will not wage a preventive war, do not feel that containment and negotiation in themselves represent a sufficient policy — what then?"

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HE suggests, in answer, that the political initiative be taken from the Soviets (since containment is "essentially a holding policy" and therefore unsatisfactory). This is to be done by providing a guiding objective for American policy which is to be the restoration of "freedom and unity to the whole Continent" of Europe, i.e. a return to the pre-1939 map of Europe. Mr. Armstrong contends, with undoubted justice, that Europe will not know peace so long as Russian troops are stationed on its heart. He also argues that it is useless to talk of "peaceful coexistence" so long as Russia rules and exploits the "ancient European nationalities." And he makes plain his belief that though the U.S. will not go to war to set Eastern Europe free, "we shall never be reconciled to their not being free." This last phrase has a familiar ring. It does more than recall the words of Mr. Dulles: it evokes Wilson and suggests a revival of the American predilection for a foreign policy based upon disdain for the considerations of power-politics and preference for one founded upon moral precepts. It is not for nothing that Mr. Armstrong is a past-president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

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WHAT is disturbing about all this is Mr. Armstrong's inattention to the weaknesses of the Wilsonian settlement in Europe, as embodied in the treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, Trianon and Sevres. In the first place, where is liberation of the "nationalities in bondage" to end? Are the Ukrainians, for example, to regain their brief independence as a republic (proclaimed by the *Rada* in November 1917 and finally ended by the adoption of the constitution of the USSR in July 1923)?

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BUT there is another and more formidable difficulty involved in the application of Wilsonian principles to Eastern Europe, though it is not new. The whole chain of national states stretching from Finland in the north to Greece in the south rose from the collapse of first the Ottoman and then the Habsburg, Romanov and Hohenzollern empires. Most of them lasted only the two decades during which Germany was recovering from its defeat and Russia was withdrawn from Europe and bent upon the consolidation of the Revolution. The whole involved chapter of "Balkan politics," Little Ententes, struggles over Teschen, and the discussions about the real identity of the Ruthenes and the differences between the seventeen nations of Bessarabia were possible only because of the temporary absence of great power interference in the area. Once the Germans, and then the Russians renewed their interest in the region, the Versailles-St. Germain-Trianon system crumbled like a gingerbread house. There is thus at least good reason to suppose that a restoration of the 1920 map of Europe would provide no lasting solution, but only re-establish the temptations which Germany and Russia have never been able to resist. Much more will have to be explained and proposed about the political future of Eastern Europe (its federation, for example) before the prospect of "liberation" can be accepted with equanimity.

Jerusalem, March 11.

Argov Reports To Mapai Council On Party Strength

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Mr. Meir Argov, Secretary General of Mapai, indicated to the Party's Council here today three major correlated principles of policy: unflinching defence of statehood, an economy geared to meet the ingathering of the exiles and education of the majority of the people towards a constructive working life.

In reviewing Mapai's achievements, Mr. Argov said that, with a membership of 128,000, it was the largest and most influential party in the country. It contained nearly half the total membership of all Israel's political parties and had, therefore, immense political and economic responsibilities.

Mr. Argov

The electorate continued to give Mapai confidence and since the last general election the Party's lists had gained consistently in every sort of elections, whether for local authorities or for workers' shop stewards. The trust in Mapai Mr. Argov said, obliged the Party to deal with almost any political and economic matter and its secretariat had dealt in the past year with 227 subjects. The Party was run on the system of democratically representative bodies, which take major decisions. Any other system must inevitably lead either to political impotence or to the rule of a small oligarchy. There were 400 branches of the Party all over the country, he pointed out.

Hebrew Publications

The Party published several Hebrew publications with an aggregate circulation of 75,000 as compared with the 128,000 of all rival presses. Ten non-Hebrew publications ran into 46,000 copies, while the 31 non-Mapai foreign language papers counted 141,000 copies.

Some 67 per cent of collective and cooperative agricultural settlers were Party members. The Kibbutz idea must be enhanced, Mr. Argov said.

Of the future, he said that in Histadrut matters, he advocated the strengthening of the Hevrat Ovdim saying that the unity of the Histadrut depended on its economic ventures.

The Secretary advocated a new approach to the Arabs, who were being misled by some parties and sometimes enflamed against the State.

The youth had to be won by the Party. At present, there were 38,000 members aged ten to 17 in Mapai-sponsored organizations, as compared with 24,000 in other parties, but there were 220,000 boys and girls of that age in Israel, he pointed out.

Influence And Integrity

The Party, to maintain its influence, had to maintain its integrity. The Party's controlling committee dealt with 114 complaints, and in some cases offenders had been expelled.

A major issue for the Party was that of Socialism — what would it mean in local conditions? For Mr. Argov, Zionist Socialism meant "intervening" in history, not accepting its issues in the orthodox Marxist way.

The council session was opened by Mr. Mordechai Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut. It will be continued until Saturday.

'Infiltrators' Must Leave Yad Hanna Settlement

At a meeting of the Agriculture Workers Union in Jerusalem yesterday it was decided that the supporters of Kibbutz Hameuhad and Dr. Moshe Sneh's Left Faction respectively who 'infiltrated' into Yad Hanna (during the quarrel over the admission of eight Left Faction men who had been evicted from kibbutz Ir'on) must leave the settlement.

The decision was taken after the Union heard a report from an Enquiry Committee which has visited Yad Hanna.

Eden Talks Peace in UN As US, Russia Clash

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday.—Mr. Anthony Eden British Foreign Secretary, urged the U.N. General Assembly today "not to despair of a change of heart" in China and North Korea regarding the Korean war.

"It is possible that even the Soviet Union in time may see that it does not pay to pursue a policy which unites the whole free world against them, resolutely sincere in the desire to end this war," he said.

The Assembly was debating the resolution recommended by the Political Committee, over the five votes of the Soviet bloc, calling for more support for Korean reconstruction.

America's delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, bitterly reproached Russia for alleging American cruelties in Korea. He told Mr. Andrei Gromyko, "That American Army you seek to smear for its part in the Korean war is that same army which helped the Soviet Army defeat Hitler.

"The U.S. Army was good enough for you from 1942 to 1945. It should be good enough for you now and would be, had your Government's policy not so tragically changed."

Mr. Grmyko had declared earlier in the day that "Atrocities and crimes have been systematically carried out by soldiers of the U.S. against the North Koreans and Chinese Communists who live in a constant state of blackmail, bloodshed and terror."

Lost Friends

Mr. Lodge said that Russia had lost friends since the world war "because of your policy of fear, not the rational fear of attack from outside; you need not have that fear. It must be fear of your own people stemming from your own tyranny. I am convinced that fear is at the bottom of all the violent words and deeds which distinguish the foreign policy of the Soviet Union."

Mr. Eden was loudly applauded when he said that the U.N. had to be preserved as the world meeting place where "we can receive our problems and build the peace."

He said that as far as the immediate future was concerned it might be difficult to see any prospect of an early armistice in Korea.

"But this disheartening outlook must not lead us to overlook the very real achievement already brought about in Korea. Later years may show that by taking up the challenge of aggression in Korea the U.N. has averted the horror of a third world war...

"The result of the debate in the Political Committee has been to reaffirm the unity of the free world which was demonstrated last December." (When the Indian Korean peace plan was adopted).

Vital Task

He said that the relief of the sufferings of the Korean people was a vital humanitarian task.

"It is indeed lamentable that even on such an issue five countries could be found to oppose all the other members of the United Nations."

Mr. Abba Eban, speaking last in the debate, called for periodic high level meetings of the Security Council to relieve world tension. The Israel delegate said that the end of the debate "should not signify disagreement involving the mission and fate of our collective forces in Korea." Israel hoped that all efforts would be made for the reduction of world tension. Despite Israel's difficult economic position, he said, it continued to contribute to the U.N. Korean Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency.

The Security Council was meeting in closed session today to begin a series of talks on the successor to Mr. Trygve Lie as Secretary-General who must be elected without opposition among the big five. Britain and France were expected to nominate Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, now General Assembly President. The Soviet Union is naming Mr. Stanislaw Skrzeszewski, Polish Foreign Minister. General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines is also expected to be a candidate.

(JNA, Reuter, UP)

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Stalin's Valedictory: 'Peace with America'

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UP). — Stalin's last words in public were, "War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union cannot be considered to be inevitable. Our two countries can live in peace." This was pointed out in today's "Pravda" by Ilya Ehrenburg who recalled that the statement was made to the "New York Times" correspondent, James Reston.

Moscow Radio has been repeating "Stalin's last public words" several times since his funeral. The Soviet press, in enlarged issues, has been devoted almost exclusively to Stalin's life and works. Out of "Pravda's" six pages only one column today did not concern Stalin.

Australia Offers Arms To French in Indo-China

CANBERRA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Australia has offered military aid to French Union forces fighting Vietminh troops in Indo-China, Marshal Jean Letourneau, French Minister for Indo-China, said here today.

He told a press conference that a military mission would come to Australia from Saigon next month to discuss details.

M. Letourneau arrived here by air form Melbourne yesterday for talks with Prime Minister R. G. Menzies and Air Minister W. McMahon. In Melbourne he had talks with the joint Chiefs of Staff, and Defence and External Affairs Ministers.

He said here today that the Australian cabinet had agreed to put at the disposal of the mission all the country's surplus military equipment, arms and ammunition and "maybe planes."

The supplies would be a gift, he said.

BULGARIAN MINISTER LEAVES

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Bulgarian Minister and Mme G. K. Bogdanov and their child, boarded the s.s. N. Vaptzarov here this afternoon. The ship is to sail for Bulgaria tomorrow. She is carrying 12,500 cases of oranges, grapefruit and lemons to Bulgaria.

Prague Counters US Protest Saying Jet Passed Border

VIENNA, Wednesday.— Czechoslovakia claimed tonight that the two American Thunderjet fighters shot at yesterday had been caught by Czechoslovak fighters 40 kilometres inside Czechoslovak territory.

This morning, the American Ambassador in Prague, Mr. George Wadsworth, delivered "the strongest possible protest" to the Czechoslovak Government against the shooting which he stated was over Bavaria in the American Zone of Germany.

The Czech note delivered to the American Embassy in Prague and broadcast by Prague Radio said, "(Yesterday) two American F-84 jet fighters penetrated Czechoslovak territory. Eighteen kms. south-southeast of Pilsen and 40 kms. from the Czechoslovak-German frontier, they were intercepted by patrolling Czechoslovak planes and told to land. After the planes refused to obey the Czechoslovak planes opened fire. One of the American planes immediately disappeared in the direction of West Germany while the other burst into flames and was last seen disappearing in a southwest direction."

The note claimed that the Americans were "attempting to turn things upside down" by their version of the incident. It said, "The Czechoslovak Government has protested with the greatest emphasis against continual violations of its territory by American planes...each time (America) promised to take measures that would prevent further violation of Czechoslovak territory."

The pilots of both planes told a press conference in Wiesbaden today that they had been "definitely" 12 or 13 kms. inside the U.S. zone when they were shot at. The pilot of the destroyed plane had parachuted out.

American pilots have instructions to "defend themselves as well as they can against hostile attacks such as yesterday's" the Air Force said in Washington yesterday. No new instructions have been issued as a result of yesterday's incident, a spokesman said.

The only explanation available in Washington for the shooting down of the American plane and the flight of the other was that the F-84 is outclassed by the MIG. The Thunderjet is a fighter-bomber used primarily for ground support. The MIG is an interceptor of considerably greater speed and manoeuverability.

In Detroit, yesterday, Dr. Arye Kubovy, former Israel Minister to Prague and Warsaw, said that the shooting down of the planes might be a Communist move to block European rearmament.

Dr. Kuvoby, who is touring the U.S. on behalf of the Bond Drive, told questioners, "It may be just another border incident. But Russia is capable of starting a new Korean incident to prevent the rebuilding of West Germany's military potential."

(AP, UP)

Ratification of Reparations Pact By Bonn Expected in Week

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — Informal, but reliable, forecasts that the Bonn Parliament will ratify the reparations agreement next week are giving rise to cautious optimism in Israel circles here. It is considered likely, though not absolutely certain, that the projected ratification date of March 18 will be duly kept since the Bundestag is due to begin a debate on the European Defence Treaty by March 19.

The Federal Government is anxious to adhere to this timetable in view of Dr. Adenauer's forthcoming visit to Washington. Conversely, it follows that any delay in ratifying the agreement at this stage would entail an indefinite postponement.

Despite some last-minute resistance from within the Bonn Government, it is hoped that this will not occur. Ratification will mean an immediate provision of funds equivalent to 75m. marks for oil purchases which have lately been financed by a variety of expedients, including the mortgaging of the current citrus crop.

The bulk of the payments due from Germany during the coming year are to be made in goods and some delay in this respect is inevitable even if agreement is reached on transport.

There is some doubt whether the total of 400m. marks payable by 1954 under the agreement will be placed at Israel's disposal immediately, despite the unforeseen delay in ratification, but this point is not thought likely to cause major difficulties.

Compared with these transactions, the affair of the East Africa tractors, to which some publicity was given here during Mr. Michael Comay's visit, appears of very modest proportions.

Mr. Comay is leaving today and it is reliably learned that, while agreement on revision of the original contract is not complete, there is good hope of early settlement. It seems likely that of the 300 tractors plus accessories originally contracted for, Israel will eventually buy only the 80 already delivered.

Rumours that at one stage it was intended in Jerusalem to sell the remainder to East European countries are described here as nonsense and it is not believed that this canard was taken seriously by the Foreign Office or that it accounted for Mr. Comay's visit which is described as having been of a routine character.

Cotton Catches Fire In Nachshon Hold

BRINDISI, Italy, Wednesday. — The Israel freighter Nachshon, bound for Venice with a cargo of cotton, steamed slowly into port early today with a fire in her number three hold.

The captain of the ship had signalled to the port authorities to prepare its fire-fighting equipment. Firemen from Taranto came to help. The crew had taken preliminary precautions by shutting off the hold and pouring water into it. No one aboard the ship was injured, and after an examination the port authorities decided to continue to pour water into it. *(UP, AP, Reuter)*

Sheham Maritime Services, Ltd., told The POST in Haifa yesterday that little damage was caused by the fire, and that after the crew put out the blaze the Nachshon continued on to Trieste which it reached yesterday morning.

28 Saved from Split Ship in N. Atlantic

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Twenty-eight members of the crew of the Liberian tanker Angy split in two in a furious Atlantic gale were rescued today, but eight others spotted clinging to the boat deck cannot be rescued because of heavy seas.

The rescue operations in mid-Atlantic are going on about 1,000 miles from New York.

Officials in Halifax, Nova Scotia said the 6,493-ton American freighter Claiborne took aboard the 28 rescued crew members. The Captain, his wife all the mates, the radio operator and three seamen were still left behind.

The survivors reported that a fire followed by an explosion occurred on Sunday in an area about 900 miles southeast of St. Johns, Newfoundland. After the explosion the vessel split apart during the height of a gale, and the two sections wallowed in mountainous seas.

(AP, Reuter)

Nagib Angers Britain; Sudan Accord Threatened

'Diplomacy by Press Statements'

LONDON, Wednesday. — Britain's delicate bickering with Egypt over the Sudan flared into a diplomatic dispute today and raised the possibility that the Sudanese independence project might collapse. Britain protested formally—in London and Cairo — against statements by Egyptian Premier Mohammed Nagib accusing her of violating last February's Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Sudan and delaying its implementation.

The protest was made verbally by the British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd who summoned Egyptian Ambassador Abdel Rahman Hakki to the Foreign Office this morning.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd, lambasted Egypt for what he called an "attempt to conduct diplomacy by statements to the press." Then he accused her of trying to place a pro-Egyptian Sudanese on a five member Governor-General's Commission which would play a major role in projecting Sudan elections.

Both the timing and bitterness of Nagib's remarks caused concern in British official quarters here. The tone of Nagib's outburst was striking in view of the imminence of the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the fate of the Suez Canal Zone. The Sudan agreement was welcomed in British official quarters as paving the way for the Suez talks, and these quarters view the Suez negotiations as a stepping stone to the integration of Egypt into a sound Middle East defence set-up.

Unfounded Statement

Replying to Mr. Hector McNeill, who was Minister of State in the Labour Government, Mr. Lloyd said that he had little doubt that General Nagib's alleged statements at his press conference would prove to be unfounded.

He said that, nevertheless, he wanted to deal with one of the allegations: that Britain was delaying elections in the Sudan by refusing to accept the Sudanese members of the Governor-General's Commission nominated by the Sudanese and approved by Egypt.

Mr. Lloyd said that, far from any delay being the British Government's fault, it appeared to be clearly due to Egyptian unwillingness to accept candidates proposed by the Sudanese themselves.

He said that the Egyptian Government had rejected the candidates elected at a meeting of all four North Sudanese political parties.

"We are determined to ensure that the Sudanese have the right to express their views free from interference or unfair pressure from any quarter," he said.

Mr. Lloyd added that he would make a general statement on other points raised by General Nagib as soon as possible.

(AP., Reuter)

Venice Court Denies AIOC Miriella Oil

VENICE, Wednesday. — The President of the Venice Tribunal today held that the Persian oil nationalization laws were legal and refused to order confiscation of 5,000 tons of oil brought here last month from Abadan in the tanker Miriella.

An AIOC spokesman in London said, "We are immediately beginning proceedings in Rome. Today's decision means only that the oil will not remain physically impounded during the main hearing of the merits of the case."

The President, Judge Mastrobuono, also rejected the contention that there was no adequate provision for compensation as Persian Premier Mossadegh had repeatedly recognized Persian liability to pay compensation.

Egr. Armando Benatti, one of the chief figures behind the Miriella venture, said that the Miriella and another tanker, the Alba, are already in the Persian Gulf and both "will start loading at Abadan as soon as possible thereby fulfilling the provisions of the contract that three shiploads of oil should be taken by the Supor Company in the first year."

In Teheran, Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi told a press conference that the Venice ruling "shows that the juridical power of neutral countries is not influenced by force and the money of the ex-A.I.O.C."

He revealed that he had met American Ambassador Loy Henderson this morning and discussed the Washington communique of last Saturday on Iranian oil.

(AP., Reuter)

Selo Assumes Power As Syrian Army Chief

Colonel Fawzi Selo, brought to power by Colonel Adib Shishakly, yesterday proclaimed himself Syrian Army Comander in Chief, Damascus Radio announced.

By his personal decree, Selo, who is Head of State, Premier and Defence Minister, has taken upon himself the right to impose martial law at his own discretion and the right to proclaim a state of war. He announced that a National Defence Council is to be set up in Damascus.

Fawzi Selo

The move was regarded by observers as one of the furthest-reaching constitutional steps since the Shishakly coup of 1951.

Lebanon Approves Syrian Trade Pact

BEIRUT, Wednesday (AP). — The Lebanese Chamber of Deputies last night placed its stamp of approval on an economic agreement with Syria.

By a simple majority vote the Chamber approved the six-month transitional economic agreement initialled last week by the Finance Ministers of the two countries.

Several Deputies expressed the hope that Finance Minister George Hakim would strive for a permanent economic union between Syria and Lebanon, a union which Syria actively seeks but which Lebanese businessmen seem none too anxious to have.

At the same session of the Chamber, a one-minute silence was observed for Stalin.

Position of 'Absentees' Will Now Be Changed

The position of Arabs legally living in Israel but who have been considered absentees under the Abandoned Property Law of 1950 will be improved now that the Knesset has passed a new property acquisition law, Mr. Y. Palmon, the Prime Minister's Adviser on Arab Affairs, stated yesterday.

Some of the property owners whose status has been changed by the new law will soon have their original property released, while others will receive either monetary compensation or other property of equal value.

Explaining the new law, Mr. Palmon stated that it is these Arabs who will be the chief beneficiaries, since others, not regarded as absentees, had been able to get assistance from the courts when the authorities failed to return their property.

56% of Jordan Budget for Legion

Jordan's 1953/54 budget of 14.25m. dinars (one dinar=£1) was tabled in yesterday's special session of parliament, "Falastin" reported.

More than half the total, 8m. dinars, was set aside for the Arab Legion, the Old City paper said. Britain contributed £1.25m. towards the non-military part of the budget. Her contribution to the Legion is not yet known. Last year it was £7m. and in 1951 £6.5m.

In presenting the budget, AP reports, Defence Minister Anwar Nusseibeh announced that the National Guard was being enlarged and strengthened because of the increased trouble on the Israel border.

The Arab Legion was always ready to meet any Israel attack, he said, but the backbone of local village defence was the National Guard.

He told a press conference later, according to NEABS, that the budget would, for the first time, include an item for the National Guard. He also said that arrangements would be made for the members of the hitherto honorary force to receive pay.

The Reconstruction and Development Ministry has announced that it has started work on 12 model villages of two-room houses with space for animals, for the settlement of Palestine refugees, AP reports.

"Falastin" said that the Ministry had approved tenders for the immediate construction of the first 80 housing units on the site of Kfar Etzion in the Hebron hill region south of Jerusalem. They are the first of 500 units to be set up along the Israel armistice line this year, the paper said.

Pensions are to be granted to the families of National Guardsmen killed or wounded while on duty along the armistice line according to the terms of a bill now being drafted in Jordan, "Falastin," the Old City daily, reports.

Jordan Infiltration Reaches Record Rate

Infiltration by Jordanians reached an all time high in February, "Falastin", the Old City daily, reported yesterday. In the Jerusalem area alone, 49 persons were arrested and sentenced.

Last Tuesday, the paper said, more than 20 persons were detained in the Jerusalem area.

Four hundred metres of galvanized irrigation pipes and eight sprinklers were stolen early yesterday morning by infiltrators in the central area and the tracks of four men led towards the Jordan frontier.

"A-Diffa," the Old City daily, claimed yesterday that four Israelis were killed on Tuesday near Kafr Jammal in the Tulkarm area. The Israelis were described as of a unit that attacked the village and was driven off by National Guards in a "prolonged engagement."

Senate Shelves Motion On 'Enslavement'

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to postpone action indefinitely on the Eisenhower Administration's proposal to condemn Soviet "enslavement" of other European people.

The resolution, which had become bogged down by amendments, was shelved "without prejudice."

Return of Finaly Boys Expected

PARIS, Wednesday (INA). — Negotiations are going on with Spanish civil and religious authorities for the return of two Jewish boys, Gerard and Robert Finaly, who were spirited out of France to Spain by Catholic priests after a French court ruled that the war orphans must be turned over to an aunt living in Israel, it reported here today.

The report added that the return of the children to France appears imminent. More than a dozen persons, including a number of clergymen and two nuns, have been arrested in the aftermath to the children's disappearance. After he was freed by one court, a priest publicly admitted escorting the brothers across the Pyrenees.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Elementary school teachers in Jerusalem and all other towns where February salaries have not been paid will begin a general strike today, it was decided last night at a Teachers' Union meeting in the capital. The teachers rejected an appeal by the Minister of Education to postpone the walkout for five days. The strike will not affect Tel Aviv and Haifa where salaries have begun to be paid.

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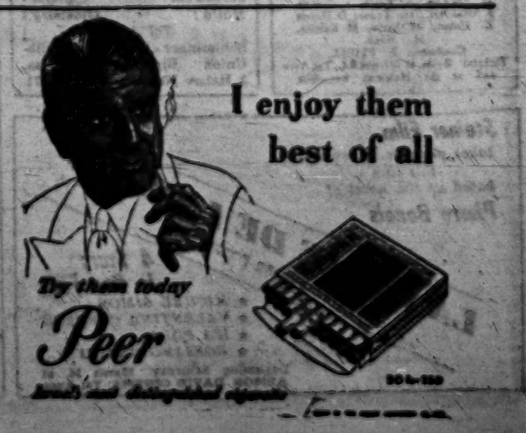

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Social & Personal

Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, now touring Britain on behalf of the J.P.A., was the guest yesterday of Lord Stanggate at the House of Lords. He also called on the Lord Chancellor. On Tuesday night Mr. Sprinzak was the guest of honour at a dinner given to many notables by Mr. Clement Davies, Liberal parliamentary leader. He was the luncheon guest of the British Inter-Parliamentary Union and had tea with the Speaker.

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Mr. Charles A. Dana, director of the Manufacturers Trust Company and of its Loans Committee, and chairman of the Dana Steel Company, arrived in the s.s. Constitution and is now touring the country, visiting among others, industrial enterprises. On his arrival in Haifa, he was met by the Mayor, Mr. A. Khoushy. Mr. Dana was yesterday the guest to lunch of the Jewish Agency Executive at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. Among those present were Mr. Berl Locker, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mrs. Rose Halprin, Dr. G. Josephthal, Dr. Emmanuel Neuman, members of the Executive, and Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary to the Executive and Mr. Isaac Katz, director of the Jewish Agency's Economic Department.

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Mr. Israel I. Brodie, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors & Executive Committee of the Palestine Economic Corporation—U.S., arrived in Israel for talks with the Government in connection with the Dead Sea Works Ltd.

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Mr. David Stern, former publisher of the New York "Post" and the Philadelphia "Record," and Mrs. Stern were the guests of Mr. J. Sugarman, Israel Chairman of the Independence Bonds Issue, at dinner in the King David Hotel last night.

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Mr. J.W. Dix, who has retired as Manager of Consolidated Refineries Ltd., left Haifa, accompanied by Mrs. Dix, on Tuesday in the M/S "Messapia" on his return to the United Kingdom.

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Dr. Benyamin Bloch, administrative director of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, returned yesterday by T.W.A. from the U.S.

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The pianist, Sigi Weissenberg, arrived yesterday for a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The first appearance of Mr. Paul Kletzki with the Orchestra in Tel Aviv last night was warmly applauded, while the soloist Mr. Sigi Weissenberg received an ovation. (See next column).

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Mr. Sam W. Halprin, of New York, arrived by TWA yesterday for a three-week visit to Israel.

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Mr. Ben Zion Kaduri, Administrator of Tel Aviv Municipal Property, returned yesterday from a four-month visit to the U.S. at the invitation of the State Department.

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On Monday, March 16, the fifth anniversary of the bombing of the Keren Hayesod building in Jerusalem, a memorial service will be held at the Sanhedria cemetery at the graves of the victims of the bombing: Leib Yaffe, Michael Goldenberg, Alice Lasker, and Michal Raami.

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BIRTH

HARRIS—To Leo, wife of Lee Harris, Haifa, on March 11 — a daughter. Those who wish to send flowers are asked to send IL.1 instead of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, c/o Bayside Land.

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Weidenbaum House Ltd., Naharlya will open the new Bar at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 1953. (Advt.)

Negotiations in London On Transfer of JEPSC

LONDON.— Negotiations are now being conducted here by representatives of the Palestine Electric Corporation and of the Jerusalem Electric and Public Services Corporation for what amounts to the transfer of the latter, with all its assets and liabilities, to the P.E.C.

If the negotiations are successful, Jerusalem Electric will be taken over by the P.E.C at a nominal price of about IL.800,000 without involving the Israel Treasury in any outlay of foreign exchange.

Under the agreement, which was mapped out by the two companies as far back as 1951, the stockholders of Jerusalem Electric will have their shares exchanged against those of P.E.C. at a certain ratio and under conditions of which they are to be informed as soon as the negotiators in London have initialled the transfer. They will then be asked to express their assent or otherwise to the exchange, and it is believed that P.E.C. will consider it approved if a majority of 90 per cent of the shareholders accept it.

Popular Shares

This approval, it is believed, is likely to be given because of the popularity P.E.C. shares have enjoyed in the London Stock Exchange. Both Jerusalem Electric and P.E.C. were incorporated in Palestine, but while the latter obtained its investment capital in Britain and issued its shares in Sterling, the latter, popularly identified as a British company, issued its shares in Palestine pounds, later changed into Israel pounds.

The paid up capital of Jerusalem Electric, as distinct from its authorized capital, is made up as follows:

225,000 seven per cent cumulative preference shares of IL.1 each and 250,000 ordinary shares of IL.1 each.

A further 50,000 shares of the latter category, have been authorized, but not yet issued and paid. Seventy five thousand undenominated shares of IL.1 each have also been authorized, but not issued.

Bank Debt

Jerusalem Electric's liabilities include a debt of £250,000 to a British banking firm. But for this debt, the amalgamation of the two companies would probably have taken place about a year ago. Negotiations in 1951 were well advanced for an agreement to be signed early in 1952, when a completely new situation arose with the proclamation of the New Economic Policy by the Israel Government and the introduction of new exchange rates, devaluing Israel pounds in terms of sterling. Jerusalem Electric's bankers' debt of £250,000 which P.E.C., as an Israel company, had considered taking over at the rate of £1 to IL.1, had on February 13 risen to the extent of the devaluation, a prospect that probably made the deal considerably less attractive to the purchasers.

The P.E.C. is reported to have urged the Government to retain the exchange rate valid at the time of the negotiations, prior to the introduction of the N.E.P., for the purposes of the projected transaction. It is known that the Government turned down this request, and the deadlock remained unsolved until recently, when following the Jerusalem power crisis the Government decided to let the transaction proceed and leave the question of who is to pay the contested difference in the exchange evaluation of the banking debt of £250,000 in abeyance.

Paul Kletzki Conducts IPO's Current Concerts

PAUL Kletzki, conductor of the seventh and eighth subscription concerts of the I.P.O., arrived here by El Al from Zurich this week and conducted his first concert in Tel Aviv last night.

Kletzki, who is now 50, was born in Lodz and as a 15-year-old schoolboy played in the Lodz Philharmonic Orchestra which was founded during the first world war and conducted by the then famous orchestra leader and horn player Bronislav Saule, for many years a member of the I.P.O.

European Career

Kletzki studied in Warsaw and later at the Berlin Music Academy. Through the Simrock Co., the publishers of his compositions (mainly chamber music) he was introduced as conductor to many German orchestras and finally became resident conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra after Furtwaengler. He left Germany in 1933, was leader of the Leningrad and Charkov Philharmonic Orchestras in 1936/37, and during the war, Ansermet gave him the opportunity of conducting the Suisse Romande Orchestra. Since that time Kletzki has become one of the most sought after conductors in Europe.

During the last two months he conducted leading British and Scottish orchestras and from Israel he will go to Amsterdam to conduct a Beethoven cycle with the Concertgebouw Orchestra.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

8.30-12.30: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road. Hanneen Press.
9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema, Bus 15. Feeding time: 3-3 p.m.
9-5: 2-5: Bezalel Museum. Exhibitions: Musical Instruments; Masks of Primitive Peoples; Purim Scroll.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod
8 p.m.: Recorded opera, "La Traviata."
Y.M.C.A. Music Lounge.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of works by Violet Citron and Raphael Mahar, Artists House.

TEL AVIV

10-1; 4-7: Exhibitions—Chinese and Japanese Art; Water Colours by Kosnosuki; Sculptured by Aayah Rezaki, Museum.
10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of paintings, drawings by L. Schwerin; Kats Art Gallery, 17 Reh. Dizengoff.
9-5: Exhibition of paintings, Mallvia Shiffer; Artists Pavilion, 9 Reh. Alharizi.

HAIFA

9 p.m.: Haifa Orchestra, Subscription concert No. 5 — Beethoven programme — "Orah."

SHIPS IN HAIFA ON WEDNESDAY

Ships in Haifa Port on Wednesday:

Alsora, British, loading juices; Assimi, British, loading citrus; Constitution, U.S., waiting; Elsevig, Danish, unloading general cargo; Aetos, Israel, embarking passengers; Wanderer, Panama, unloading wheat; Jerusalem, Israel, waiting; Pindos, Greek, unloading wheat; Lockenfield, Norway, unloading; V. Vuptsarov, Bulgaria, finished unloading; Rimon, Israel, unloading general cargo; Galilah, Israel, waiting; Rimfrost, Norway, unloading frozen meats; M. Dizengoff, Israel, unloading general cargo; Hamered, Israel, finished loading; Gavriel, Israel, finished loading; Egyptian, British, waiting for citrus; C. Torm, Danish, waiting for citrus.

Ships which sailed in the past 24 hours:

Gofna, Israel; Messapia, Italian; Corinna, British.

SHIPS EXPECTED: Astrid, general cargo; R. Borchard, general cargo; R. Williams, wheat; Kinereth, coal; Pass, motorist Maine, citrus; Samuel Sea C., Timber; Dragon, passengers and general cargo.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 697 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.9, 31.3 & 822 M. (460 M.); French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 Here and There. 11.35 Musical Greetings.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.3, 316, 229 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Classical Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "Discoveries & Inventions." 7.50 Songs 8.30 News. 8.45 Folk Songs. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.92 & 19.53 M.): 6.30-7.30 p.m. News, News Talk. The Weeks' Feature.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme. 6-6.30 (41, 16, 19 & 25 M.): This Week in New York.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 1.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. 10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.40 At the Opera (R). 11.50 Housewives' Corner (R). 12.00 Programme for Hospitals. 12.55 Concert Hall: "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" (Falla) & Ballet Suite "Orpheus" (Stravinsky). 1.45 Break for Music. 3.30 Close Down. 4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Popular Instruments. 5.00 Musical Miniature. 5.30 Child's Corner. 6.45 Children's Hour. 7.02 Variety. 7.47 Programme Announcements. 7.50 "The Voice of the Violin." 7.30 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 7.30 Light Music (T.A.). 8.00 "The Voice of the Past"—Wavelength 277. 8.20 Bible Reading. 8.45 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.00 "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Antonia Levinova. 9.45 Chamber Music. 10.30 Variety 11.25 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

468, 225, 136 & 41.9 M.

English News 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Opera. 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.20 Pinkas Ave Lesson. 5.55 Talk. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.3, 41.9 & 460 M.): Yiddish: 7.30 p.m. Hebrew: 8.30 p.m. Rumanian: 9.30 p.m. Polish: 10.30 p.m. Hungarian: 11.30 p.m.

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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Eshkol Budget Speech Dominates the Press

Mr. L. Eshkol's budget speech dominates the headlines and editorials of almost all papers. It is seen by "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) as a first step in the direction of economic recovery, while another coalition paper, "Haboker" (General Zionist), and "Ha'aretz" (Independent) take a somewhat more critical view; opposition mouthpieces, such as "Herut" and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) take pains to stress weak points in the Finance Minister's statement.

"Hatzofe" emphasizes the importance of granting facilities to prospective investors and urges the Minister to reveal details. The paper calls for equality of income tax which has until now been paid mainly by wage earners rather than by the rich. While welcoming tax reductions, the paper points out that their effect is partly set off by the increased cost of living.

Budget's Main Weakness

According to "Haboker", the main weakness of the budget is the inordinately high percentage of salaries (51.5 per cent), only a small part of which is devoted to real services, such as teachers' salaries. While conceding that Mr. Eshkol is doing his very best "according to his physical and intellectual capacity," the paper attacks his (unnamed) economic advisers, particularly in connection with the statistics they prepared about the national income and urges the appointment of others in their place, if they are not able to reduce the proportion of unproductive expenses in the budget. "Haboker" takes issue with Mr. Eshkol's assertion that a certain degree of inflation was unavoidable during recent years.

"Ha'aretz" says that the Finance Minister's speech was lacking in perspective about future economic policy, and that he talked rather as a treasurer whose only aim is to balance income and expenditure, than as the Minister responsible for the direction and reform of the nation's economy.

According to the paper the percentage of the national income which goes to public expenditure is too high in view of the decline in economic activity during the last year. "Ha'aretz" welcomes the cuts in the budget, though they are (according to the paper) still not sufficient. The abolition of free kindergarten education though regrettable was unavoidable, the paper asserts, and doubts if compulsory education can be maintained for older children. It welcomes the reduction of the security budget which is the result of an efficiency and savings campaign in the Army, the details of which should be carefully examined by the Knesset's Finance Committee since they cannot be discussed in public. "Ha'aretz" feels that Mr. Eshkol's budget is balanced on paper only, since there is no reserve left for an additional increase in C.o.L. allowances, to be expected as a result of the increase of indirect taxes.

"Hamodia," (Agudat Israel), says that the budgetary cuts announced by Mr. Eshkol should have been made as far back as a year or two ago. The paper is particularly critical of the fact that only now has the use of Government cars for private purposes and the installation of telephones in the homes of officials at the expense of the State has been forbidden. Contrary to most critics, "Hamodia" favours the reduction of services rather than the numbers of employees in order to avoid an additional increase of unemployment. The paper supports the suggestion to reduce Government officials' salaries in order to avoid dismissals.

"Good" and "Evil"

Commenting on "Haboker's" remark that the proposed budget is a "lesser evil," "Herut" says that the nation needs a "good" as opposed to an "evil" economic and financial policy, even if, according to its supporters, it is a "lesser" evil. The paper points especially to the decline in capital investment from abroad during the last year.

A commentator in "Al Hamishmar" charges Mr. Eshkol with covering the Government's failures by "convenient statistics." In its editorial, the paper supports the Kibbutz Hameuhad in its decision about Yad Hannah where according to the Mapam paper, an artificial majority of Sneh followers is trying to separate from the Zionist Socialist Kibbutz movement.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) hails the funeral orations of the late Marshal Stalin's successors as an expression of mankind's desire for peace.

"Davar" (Histadrut) welcomes the frequent visits of Israel's leaders abroad as a sign of the close link between the State and the Diaspora.

Whitfield Smashes Indoor Records

Mal Whitfield smashed the world indoor 600 yard and 500 metres records when he raced the former in 1:09.5 and the 500 m. in 1:02.9 in the Knights of Columbus Games in Madison Square Garden last week. Whitfield broke the previous record of 1:10.2 with ease. He had shared this mark with John Borican and Hugh Short. The former 500 m. record was 1:04.4 set by Wesley Wallace in 1939.

R. Pearman was second to Whitfield in the 600 yards, although far behind most of the time. Herb McKenley, one of the world's greatest middle distance runners, helped Whitfield to break the record, by setting a fast pace from the start, with Morris Curotta following him. Whitfield held back for several laps, then dashed past them. He slowed down, as is his habit, in the final three or four yards and he would probably have knocked another second off the record if he had not done so.

Fred Dwyer, of Villanova, won the mile in the relatively slow time of 4:11.8 with Fred Wilt, of Tommling, in second place, and Walter Molineux, of Brown, third. For the last five laps the lead swayed back and forth among the trio. Dwyer took the lead at the start and apparently decided to set a slow pace, so Wilt took over and hit the quarter in 62.4. From then on it was a jockeying duel among the three with Dwyer beating his rivals at the end. Wilt was about three yards back and Molineux another two.

Straight Face Wins Flamingo Race

The Greentree Stables Straight Face, eight to five favourite in betting, overcame the front-running Tribe in the stretch to win Hileah's famous Flamingo race at Miami, Florida, and win the biggest pot of gold ever collected by a three-year-old thoroughbred last week.

E. Constantin Jnr's Royal Bay Gem nosed out Tribe for second money by a head right at the wire after a great stretch run by Tribe, owned by Mrs Vera Bragg. Straight Face won by a length and a half and gave his owners $116,000 out of a gross pool of $153,500.

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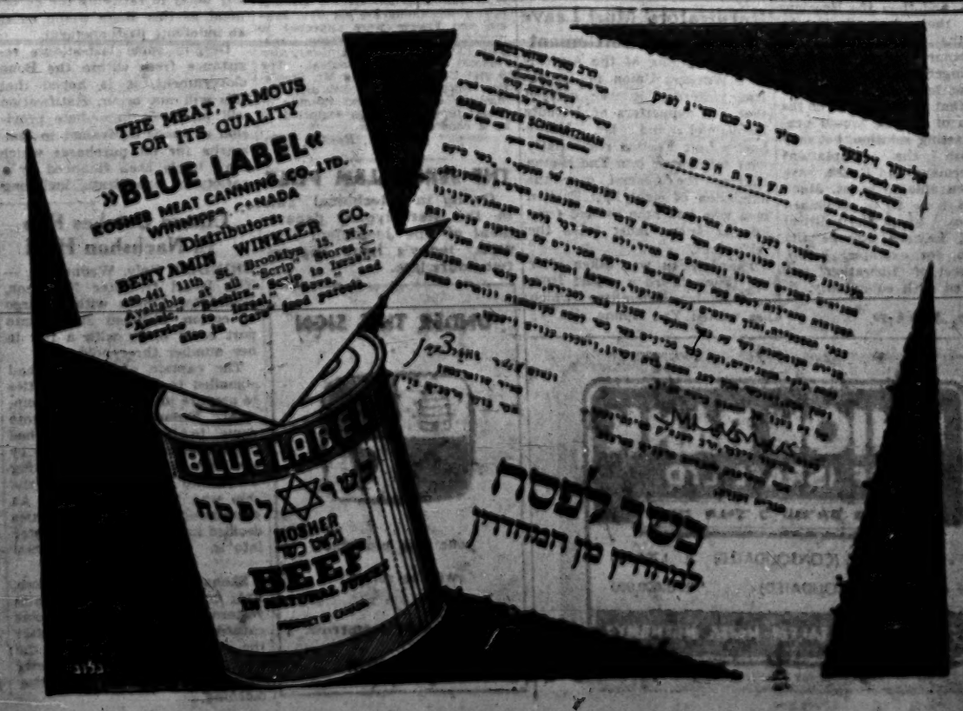

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Mt. Cass'on	59	8	19	15
Tiberias	51	15	25	22
Haifa Port	60	10	21	21
Nathanya	57	11	22	19
Hadera	63	14	25	19
Tel Aviv Port	77	16	26	15
Lydda Airport	69	14	24	22
Jerusalem	47	15	26	17
Beersheba	36	14	23	22
Eilat	57	18	31	24

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with fluctuating temperatures. Scattered showers, mainly in the North. Heavier showers in some parts of the country in the evening. Risk of thunder storms and squalls later.

"A" Monday at 1 a.m. B) Minimum temp. expected today.

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CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION increased by IL.1,800,000 through the issuance of 3 Treasury Bills, according to the weekly report of the Issue Department of the Bank Leumi.

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24 TONS of household utensils have been exported to Cyprus, Turkey and Finland by Palalum, Ltd., of Tel Aviv.

EIGHT TONS of chewing gum were exported to Italy in the s.s. Messapia from Haifa on Tuesday.

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THE FIRST group of apprentices who have completed their training as garage mechanics and locksmiths received certificates yesterday at the Ministry of Labour in Jerusalem.

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49 RESIDENTS left for settlement in 10 countries in the s.s. Artzah yesterday. The largest group, of 26, left for Canada. Four are going to Spain and three to Austria.

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A HEATER which overturned started a fire yesterday in the children's ward in Hadassah Hospital on Rehov Hanevi'im in Jerusalem. Two mattresses took fire, while the children were immediately hurried from the room. No one was hurt.

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A 16-YEAR-OLD youth who stole carpets from four balconies in Tel Aviv, was sentenced to concurrent terms of three months' imprisonment yesterday. The accused had stolen the four carpets, including one belonging to Miss Hannah Rovina, the Habimah actress, last October. Magistrate Y. Harel first considered putting the young man on probation, but later decided that he needed discipline stronger than he had ever received at home.

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CAUGHT WITH his hand in S. Lingberg's pocket in a No. 4 bus in Tel Aviv last June, Yehoshua Aharon, 33, of Tel Arish was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

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AFTER BEING charged with committing immoral practices with a five-year-old boy, a 53-year-old resident of Jerusalem was released on IL.250 bail yesterday by a Magistrate pending trial.

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FOURTEEN DAIRY owners, charged by the Tel Aviv Food Control Department with producing adulterated dairy products, were released yesterday pending trial. Another eight dairymen are being investigated. Their products have been forwarded to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry laboratory for tests.

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REUVEN KORN, of Nathanya, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by a Jerusalem Magistrate yesterday for having stolen IL.130 last December from the home of Mr. Moshe Mattato.

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A SPECIAL one-day postal unit will be installed in Sdom on March 20 when the new Beersheba-Sdom road will be opened officially.

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LASHED BY the broken drive belt from an electric motor in the Standard flour mill in Nahlat Itzhak yesterday, Ya'acov Meir Ya'acov, a worker resident at the Petah Tikva ma'abara was seriously injured. He was taken to Hayarkon Hospital.

Husband Claims Wife's Kidnapped Child

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITIM). — The abduction of a six-year old boy who was leaving the Franciscan Order School here was reported to police today by the child's father, Mr. A. Fanous.

He said that the boy had been snatched by a man riding a bicycle, and he suspected that his wife, whom he had divorced five years ago, had organized the abduction. Mr. Fanous said he believes the child has been transferred to a Catholic school in Jaffa.

Labour Exchange Sec'y Flees Disturbance

RAMLE, Wednesday (Itim). — The secretary of the Labour Exchange here took shelter in the police station yesterday after unemployed created a disturbance near his office.

The secretary, Mr. A. Laroch, said that the disturbance developed after he announced that 80 of the 600 jobless would get work that day. There were complaints that the jobs had not been distributed fairly and that there had been discrimination against unemployed with children.

AERO CLUB CONTEST

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — An airplane-model building competition opened today under the combined auspices of the Aero Club and the Dutch Air Lines. Top prizes are a one-week visit to Amsterdam, two flights to Eilath, flights over Tel Aviv and Lydda Airport and a number of books.

Mr. M. Rosenthal of the Aero Club told correspondents here today that the first part of the contest would be written. Questionnaires will be distributed among 10,000 children, aged 11 to 16. Those getting the highest marks will be supplied with cardboard for making model planes.

Social Services are High Compared with Nat'l Income

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.— The present level of social services in Israel, judged by the low infant mortality rate, high literacy and food consumption, was high in comparison with the national income, Dr. G. Lotan, Director of Social Insurance Services of the Ministry of Labour said here tonight. He was addressing the three-day National Convention of Social Workers affiliated to the Histadrut in the Education Centre here.

He quoted Miss Dorothy Kahn, a U.N. expert, as saying that "Israel was the most social-minded and kind-minded country in the world."

The percentage of the national budget devoted to social services was reduced the world over due to armaments. The same situation prevailed here, where the reduction was from 25.2 per cent in the first year of independence to 23.7 per cent in the fiscal year now ending.

It would be wrong to increase the amounts earmarked for services as that would be on account of the development of the economy, he said. Despite the good social services, certain parts of the population were left uncared for — the old, the lonely, the handicapped, the widows with many children and the unemployed. This could be rectified, Dr. Lotan suggested, by creating a central authority for the control of the social services.

Present at the convention were the Director General of the Ministry for Welfare, Mr. Moshe Bar Sela, District Representatives of the Ministry and heads of social departments of many municipalities. Mr. S. Rosenberg, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, who greeted the convention, announced that a public council would be formed shortly to advise the Ministry.

'Impressed By Two Things'

"I am tremendously impressed by two things in Israel; the gigantic task of integrating the new immigrants and the communal settlements." Mr. Walter E. Edge told the Jerusalem Rotary Club yesterday.

Mr. Edge, who served two terms as Governor of the State of New Jersey and in the U.S. Senate, is one of a group of 80 tourists who arrived in the s.s. Constitution and came up to Jerusalem yesterday. The visitors, who are staying at the King David Hotel, are to leave for Haifa today.

Bus Fare Talks

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The Ministry of Communications is to submit its proposals for higher bus fares to the inter-Ministerial Price Committee next week, *The POST* learned in Jerusalem yesterday. The delay is over the question of salaries for the members of the cooperative.

The Ministry has agreed in principle to accept the wage scale fixed by the Histadrut. After the bus companies' expenditures had been determined, the businessmen reportedly added various items entering into the calculation of salaries which they said the Histadrut had confirmed. The Ministry asked the Histadrut to approve these additions in writing; no reply has yet been received.

The Histadrut was also asked to rule on overtime wages. Dan now considers work on Saturday evenings as overtime, while the Ministry feels, that Saturday evening should be part of the regular work schedule. The Ministry has also instructed one of its officials to check the figures in the bus cooperatives' balance sheets.

The Ministry has completed calculating the cost of improved bus service to the cooperatives. These costs are to be included in the price calculations.

Money from Parking

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Municipality is now installing 150 "parkometers" in the main roads of the Hadar and Lower Town. Starting next week, motorists will pay 100 pruta for an hour's parking, *The POST* learned today. The "parkometers" will serve the double purpose of raising funds for the Municipality and of clearing the main roads. The meters were brought here by a group of American investors who will share profits with the Municipality in exchange for the concession.

AGENCY EXECUTIVE ENDS DISCUSSIONS

The Jewish Agency Executive ended its discussions yesterday morning on the position of world Jewry and the Zionist movement following the Prague trial and the Moscow libel.

A special committee was chosen to frame resolutions on future action; the resolutions will be presented for approval by the Executive in Jerusalem.

More Doctors Per Capita in Israel

GENEVA, Wednesday (Reuter).— Israel has more doctors in proportion to population than any other country in the world, according to the 1952 issue of the United Nations Statistical Year Book just released. She had one physician for every 385 inhabitants in 1950.

Switzerland and the U.S. had one doctor for every 700 to 750 persons.

Mass Immigration Cut Downward Trend of Infant Mortality

Under the impact of the influx of great numbers of Oriental Jews in the first three years of the State's existence, mortality, and particularly infant mortality, ended its downward trend of previous years. Thus infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), which stood at 29.2 in 1947, rose to 36 in 1948 and 51.7 in 1949, falling again somewhat to 46.2 in 1950. This is one of the developments analyzed in "Causes of Death in 1950" by Dr. Gertrude Kallner, made available yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. (In the past two years, not covered in this survey, the rate dropped again to 38.)

Because of the change in the population structure an effort has been made to study the connection between the country of origin and the distribution of causes of death. This reveals, for example, that while in all cases the principal causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation and neoplasms (tumours), for those whose birthplace was given as Asia and Africa the incidence of neoplasms was 12 per cent, in the case of those from Europe and America was 21.6 per cent. The ratios for coronary disease were 4.6 for Orientals and 16.5 for Europeans. Another, though less striking difference is for tuberculosis ... 5.1 per cent for Orientals and 1.6 per cent for Europeans.

The general order of the five leading causes of death was: diseases of the heart and circulation (including apoplexy), neoplasms, diseases of early infancy, infectious diseases, and external causes.

The outstanding feature about tuberculosis in this country is its exceedingly low death rate (as among Jews in the Diaspora). While European countries range from 1.5 per 1,000 living (Portugal) to 0.185 (Denmark), and New Zealand, for example, had a rate of 0.263 in 1946, the Israel figures were 0.196 (1949), 0.148 (1950) and 0.177 in 1951. For the deaths of those whose origin was available, the TB figures show a slight preponderance for Europeans over Orientals (54.7 per cent as against 45.3 per cent). The two groups' share in the population is about 65% and 35.

The study of the relationship between deaths from coronary disease (640 in 1950 as against 752 in 1951) and length of stay in Israel shows a much greater incidence among those who were here before the establishment of the State (74.2 per cent) than amongst those who came after (25.8 per cent), though the proportion of those groups in the population stood at 60 and 40 per cent in 1950.

But this is not particularly surprising, if the fact that coronary disease is a disorder of advanced age is taken into account. Elderly people tend to be those who have been here for a long time; new immigrants are preponderantly young.

In connection with the difference between the ratios of death caused by neoplasms for Europeans (21 per cent) and Orientals (12 per cent) allowance should be made for the fact that the latter, mainly new immigrants, are less likely to seek medical advice and this particular cause of death is more likely to go unrecognised.

Police Know Nothing Of "Secret Ass'n"

The police knew nothing of a secret society called the "Anti-Communist Secret Association," Mr. Bechor Shitreet, the Minister of Police told the Knesset yesterday when answering a question put by Dr. A. Berman (Left Faction). The "Secret Association" is supposed to have sent a threatening letter to Dr. Moshe Sneh, M.K. The police were investigating and would take measures against such a society were it found to exist, the Minister said.

Mr. Shitreet confirmed, in answer to a question by Mr. I. Bar Yehuda, that a page of the police file on Hasun Alnabari, charged with the murder of Yosef Murad, in the vicinity of Beersheba, was missing when the case came to court. The Minister said that the file had been in the hands of the defence counsel and that the same attorney had been charged by the police with trying to bribe a witness to alter his testimony.

Court Fines Woman As Army Shirker

Henrietta Maimoni, 18, was fined IL.25 in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday for having failed to appear for army service.

The accused had been acquitted by the Court earlier, because the Prosecution had failed to prove that she was not pregnant. Under the law, all women of conscription age must serve unless they are pregnant.

The Attorney General appealed and the District Court invalidated the judgment, declaring that when the law is phrased in such a fashion, the defendant must prove that she was pregnant. The District Court ordered a retrial.

BANK LEUMI DIVIDEND

At a meeting held on Tuesday the Board of Directors of the Bank Leumi resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting on April 9 1953, and to propose to this Meeting the distribution of a final dividend of eight per cent. It will be recalled that an interim dividend of six per cent was paid in November, 1952, together with a capital bonus distribution. The final dividend will now be paid on the increased capital and the total dividend for the year is equal to a distribution of 12½ per cent on the increased capital.

LOANS FOR GROUNDNUTS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Loans aggregating IL.350,000 were granted to farmers this week for the growing of groundnuts, it was announced today by the Palestine Discount Bank here. These loans were in addition to the IL.600,000 advanced during January and February for the cultivation of potatoes and other vegetables. The loans were issued at the recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Rokach Says T.A. Budget 'Inflated'

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of the Interior and Mayor of Tel Aviv, yesterday sent a letter to acting Mayor Haim Levanon notifying him that the proposed budget of the Municipality for the next fiscal year was too inflated and must be cut by IL.1.5m. Mr. Rokach thus demands that the budget be reduced by seven and a half per cent.

The Municipality has not replied to the request but it was unofficially said that the only way to reduce the budget was to cut services. It is feared that if the budget were not reduced, the Ministry of the Interior might not approve it.

Helpful Volunteers

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — "Passers-by who helped put out a fire in my flat stole a camera and a gold watch," Mr. Reuven Eliezer, of Rehov Mordel Hagetaot, in Yad Eliahu, told the police today. Mr. Eliezer raised the alarm when a kerosene stove overturned in his flat and set fire to some of his belongings.

The victim discovered the loss of the items when the "volunteers" left after helping to put out the fire.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Three men were detained for 15 days by the Acre Magistrate today on the charge of murdering an Arab girl from Masra'a village, near Nahariya, and stealing five cows, four and a half years ago. Two of the men are infiltrators who were caught a few days ago, while the third, Hassan Jamal Haspun, received Israel citizenship a year ago after infiltrating into the country. Police charged that the men had two accomplices who are outside the country.

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1st Reading of Bill To Abolish Exit Visas

POST Knesset Correspondent

A Bill for the abolition of exit visas introduced by Mr. I. Harari (Progressive), was referred to the Interior Committee yesterday by the Knesset.

Mr. Harari said that exit visas were necessary when the country was at war, but that the need for them had declined as life reverted to normal. He agreed that the authorities had made little use of the Exit Visas Law. But the question had become one of principle: a democratic state could not have on its statute books a law which restricted the citizen's freedom to leave the country whenever he liked.

The Bill proposes that exit visas be granted automatically in every case, except when there are security reasons for refusing an application.

Mr. Z. Warhaftig (Hapoel Hamizrahi) was the only member to speak against the Bill. He argued that it might lead to mass emigration. Mr. I. Rokach, the Minister of Interior, said he did not believe this. Emigrants had never been prevented from leaving the country.

Confidence Game

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — Confidence men posing as building contractors yesterday robbed a plumbing supplies dealer, Mr. Itzhak Schwartz, of money and jewellery reportedly valued at IL.1,000.

Mr. Shwartz told police that two men came to his shop in Rehov 60, Jaffa, and discussed some work to be done in Bat Yam. They gave him an envelope which they said contained $100 and then suggested going to his house to work out the details.

When they reached the house, one of the men was said to have grabbed Mr. Schwartz by the throat while the other took a woman's purse containing IL.22, a bracelet, three watches and a gold ring, from a buffet.

The envelope was later found to contain only $6.

Poland Releases Danish 'Hostages'

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday (Reuter). — The six Danish fishing vessels which were seized by Poland yesterday were released this morning, it was announced from Bornholm.

The news came to the local Bornholm authorities by radio from one of the seized fishing cutters.

Four of the cutters were expected to arrive at their harbour of Bornholm in 20 hours. The two others will continue their fishing in the Baltic.

REPAIRS ON PLANE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday (ITIM). — Repair work is to begin soon on the S.A.S. DC-6 plane which overran the runway on February 16. A blockage in one of the motors prevented the plane from becoming airborne.

A special cargo plane, which arrived last night with repair equipment returned to Stockholm today with the damaged plane's four engines.

The overhaul will be carried out by El Al mechanics and supervised by S.A.S. experts who are already in the country.

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This contest is open to girls and boys aged 11 to 16.

The questionnaire may be obtained from a) the office of the Aero Club of Israel; b) travel offices; c) by mail from the Central Office of the Aero Club of Israel, P.O.B. 1311, Tel Aviv.

The prizes include a flight to Amsterdam, flights to Eilath and over Israel. Also visits to Lydda Airport, inspection of planes, etc. Full details concerning additional prizes can be found in youth publications.

The winner of the first prize must possess at least an elementary knowledge of one of the following languages: English, French, Dutch, German, Spanish or Italian.

Be sure to read our further announcements in this newspaper.

Frivolous 'Fantasia' Aboard Ship

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Personnel aboard the s.s. Jerusalem fired themselves to a "fantasia" this evening by shooting off a number of distress rockets.

Police and port officials immediately investigated the reason for the signals and found that they were meant as a farewell signal to the s.s. Artzah, which was leaving port.

It is understood that the ship's master will investigate the matter tomorrow and that those responsible will be disciplined.

Reports of Anti-Locust Battles in Saudi Arabia

TEL AVIV, Wed. — Alarming, but as yet unconfirmed, reports of a battle against huge swarms of locusts in the Saudi Arabian desert and southern Jordan reached the Ministry of Agriculture today. The possibility of an invasion by these swarms, which constitute a danger to the whole Middle East, is considered probable.

The isolated small swarms in Israel did not move today, except one swarm which settled 15 kilometres south of Beersheba. They have caused no damage apart from eating foliage in Elath Park.

In the southern part of the Arava, the swarms concentrated in wadis (watercourses) where the earth, although humid, is too cold for them to lay eggs.

The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry today alerted all settlements in the Negev. All equipment and stores of poison were inspected. Officials of the Department are touring the South to instruct to farmers.

Narriman Reported Leaving Farouk

ROME, Wednesday. — The Rome lawyer, Carlo Domelio who has handled ex-King Farouk's legal matters in the past called at the deposed monarch's closely-guarded villa today amid persistent rumours that Farouk was separating from his 19-year-old wife Narriman. With equal persistence Farouk's personal secretary, Ahmed Fahin, has denied the report that Narriman had decided to leave her exiled husband and return to Cairo with her mother.

In Cairo relatives of Narriman said they had received a cable from her mother saying that the baby King Fuad II, Farouk's three daughters by his first marriage, Narriman and she were about to return, but added that she would need financial assistance from Egypt.

U.K. to Spend £1.5m. On Coronation

LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — The Government announced yesterday that it is to spend £1,572,000 on the pomp and circumstance required for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Most of the money will go into the preparation for and the carrying out of the Westminster Abbey ceremony, the Royal procession on June 2 and the entertainment of visiting Royalty and other distinguished visitors.

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70 Jerusalem Headmasters Strike

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Seventy headmasters in Jerusalem elementary schools went out on strike yesterday and announced that they would continue their walkout until the Municipality granted them the IL.12,000 in back school expenses. An offer by the city to provide IL.4,000 was turned down.

The expenses include secretaries' salaries, building repairs as well as other items. The headmasters also demand that in future problems be handled "in efficient and businesslike manner."

With the end of the recent rainy spell and the receipt of IL.90,000 from the Government, the city yesterday re-hired about 400 men for public works projects.

The threatened strike on Sunday of Hebrew University administrative workers and laboratory assistants for non-payment of February salaries may be called off today if the Finance Ministry fulfills its promise to advance the University part of its grant for the next fiscal year.

Silverman Can Enter U.S. on Condition

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A State Department spokesman said today that an entry visa to enter the U.S. would be given to Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour M.P., at any time if his visit were not connected with the Rosenbergs.

Mr. Silverman said in London last night that he had been invited to be a guest speaker at a New York dinner on March 18 as part of a plan to persuade President Eisenhower to exercise clemency in the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

REMER GOES INTO HIDING INSTEAD OF GAOL

HANOVER, Wednesday (Reuter). — Ex-General Otto Ernst Remer, former leader of the banned neo-Nazi Socialist Reichs Party has disappeared "without a trace" the Lower Saxony Interior Ministry said today.

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Cables in Brief

S. AFRICA.—India has protested to South Africa against a move to prevent wives and children of Indians resident in the Union from entering.

CUBA.—Three bystanders were seriously injured in Havana yesterday when police broke up a demonstration against official celebrations of the first anniversary of President Baptista's military coup.

IMMUNITY.— Sixty Members of Parliament have been prohibited from flying together in a new British jet airliner, a Viscount turboprop, soon to be used by British European Airways, because of the risk to Parliament.

AMERICA. — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday approved the nominations of Mr. George Allen, as American Ambassador to India, Francis White as Ambassador to Mexico; Mr. Livingston Merchant as Assistant Secretary of State; Mr. William McNeil Rand as Deputy Director of Mutual Security and Douglas MacArthur as Counsellor of the State Department.

AUSTRALIA. — The doors of the Australian Parliament House were locked yesterday and a cordon of police thrown round the building when 1,500 Communists from the Eastern States and South Australia demonstrated for more employment, withdrawal from ANZUS, ending the Korea war and higher sick, old age and ex-service pensions.

STEVENSON.—Mr. Adlai Stevenson, defeated Presidential candidate, was yesterday briefed on U.N. Far East strategy by General Mark Clark. Mr. Stevenson arrived in Tokyo from Honolulu on his round-the-world tour.

CLYDE STRIKE.—Fifteen thousand men went on strike in the dockyards of the Clyde, Glasgow, yesterday, because of a wages dispute.

BOMB. A bomb exploded among the orchestra stalls of Radio City Music Hall in New York, yesterday. None of the 2,500 people in the cinema was hurt.

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Behind the Middle East News

Jordan Finds Herself Anti-Everything

By ACHIMOGEL

THE extent of anti-British feeling in Jordan is no doubt a matter of concern in Amman. The invocation of the Anglo-Jordan treaty last month and current speculations about for transfer of British troops from Suez to Jordan provide a new test for Jordan's tense internal situation. Recurring attacks on Glubb Pasha in connection with an alleged oversight detrimental to Jordan at the signing of the Rhodes Armistice Agreement reflect the xenophobic mood of the Opposition. Last December the Opposition moved a debate on the whole field of Anglo-Jordan relations: the item was voted off the agenda by Government supporters after the walk-out of Opposition members over a quibble on a point of order. An indication of Government anxiety is the proposed new anti-Communist legislation, which threatens up to 15 years' prison for members of the Communist Party, and imprisonment up to three years for persons assisting Communist organizations (including the "Peace Movement").

Jordan, which is not recognized by the Soviet Union, had no Communist party of any size until the Palestine war. When Trans-Jordan occupied the Western bank, Communists from Palestine, organized mainly in the "League of National Liberation," remained active. They declared a boycott of the Jordan Parliament's first elections in 1950 since, like the Soviet Union, they continued to support an independent Arab state in Palestine and participation in the elections would have meant endorsing the legality of Britain's re-entry into Palestine by means of the Anglo-Jordan treaty.

This attitude was maintained after the dissolution of Parliament in 1951, but after this the party veered round. At a secret meeting held in the Triangle, the earlier abstention was branded a "leftist deviation". The party had been led astray by opportunists who "had lost contact with the masses." Instead of insisting on Palestine's independence, the meeting called for the election of a "Constituent Assembly" to decide democratically on union or separation and to oppose the imperialists' military plans.

The "hero" of the conference was Fouad Nassar, originally from Nazareth. He had taken part in the Palestine disturbances of 1936-39 (with the Husseinis), as well as in the Rashid Ali revolt in Iraq. Returning to Palestine he took a prominent part in the "League of National Liberation" and, together with others, founded the Haifa "Congress of Arab Workers." After his arrest by the Egyptians in Bethlehem he fled to Jordan.

The secret meeting dissolved the Liberation League and formed the "Communist Party of Trans-Jordan and Palestine." In the elections it styled itself the "Popular Bloc" and although none of its candidates were elected it polled a total of 3,000 out of 100,000 votes. It must be kept in mind, however, that the Bloc contested elections in two districts only, namely in Nablus and Amman. (The number of Jordanians who allegedly signed the 1951 Peace Petition is 40,000). Since then it appears that the Communists have gained ground.

Mufti Denounced

Relations between the Communists and the former Mufti are obscure and seem to change according to circumstances. Among the Palestine Communists there were certainly ultra-nationalists and fascists. Though Nassar himself publicly supported the partition decision, the "Congress" despatched a telegram to "His Eminence the Grand Mufti" in 1948, expressing the hope that Palestine would soon be freed "imperialism and Zionism." Although nothing precise is known, connections between Moscow and the Mufti were alleged by Farouk in talks with Mahmud Barazi, the former Syrian Premier and denied by a spokesman of the Mufti last month in the Lebanese paper "El Hayat". The Mufti also denied having received an invitation from Stalin and protested against the charge of Russian anti-Semitism as distinct from anti-Zionism. All this does not mean much, though it may be noted that the Moscow "Novaya Vremya" in a recent article took the trouble to denounce the Mufti as a Nazi collaborator.

Similarity of purpose between the apparently diverse interests represented in the Jordan Opposition has been evident all along and became conspicuous during a British Parliamentary delegation's encounters in Amman early this year. Abdullah Rimawi, Ramallah M.P. (formerly close to the Mufti's Arab Higher Committee) wrote in a "Palestine" leader that "no-one who had harassed Jordan to the British chariot was any longer representative of the people" — an implied attack on Abul Huda himself. Abdullah Mansour wrote in "Al-Difa'a" in much the same vein and Fadel Touhan, M.P. from Nablus, chose the Lebanese "El Hayat" for an article with the headline, "Abrogation of the British treaty—our only hope."

Transfer Denied

Abul Huda's pointed denial this week of discussions between London and Amman on the transfer of British troops to Jordan is another sign or apprehension. So is the way in which Amman has allowed recent border incidents to be magnified into a major threat to Jordan: — the invocation of the Anglo-Jordan treaty is based on this assumption. Perhaps this was just another way of "selling the goods" to the Western powers. But there is reason to believe that the deliberate creation of a defence psychosis was largely meant for internal use. As such it is a double-edged weapon — whether it will leave the Government free to frame its future policy or whether it will further excite the Opposition and eventually undermine the Government's position, remains an open question.

Jordan Apprehensions and a U.S. Opinion About Suez Evacuation

British Withdrawal Would Create Vacuum

An American voice in opposition to complete British withdrawal from the Suez Canal Zone was raised in "The New York Times" last week by the well-known military expert, Hanson Baldwin, who pointed to the danger of weakening the Western position in the Middle East by attempting to substitute "weak and ineffective" Arab military power for a strong British base. Mr. Baldwin wrote in part:

THE difficulties in the way of a Middle East command still are huge, and without extensive British and United States and Turkish participation it could have, in any case, little meaning. There is, except for British troops in the area, very little military strength in the entire Middle East.

Israel has a small, active military force that, fully mobilized, has considerable potential, more so than the armies of the Arab states, but it has little modern equipment and is, in no way, ready to cope with Soviet forces. Even though Israel is the most important of the indigenous Middle Eastern military powers, she will not participate with the Arab states, unless peace with the Arabs is made final, in a Middle East command. Nor will the Arabs enter such a command if Israel is a member.

Another major obstacle to the establishment of a Middle East command is Egypt's attitude toward the Suez Canal zone. The Egyptians have taken the position, subject perhaps to modification as negotiations continue, that all British troops must be withdrawn from the Canal zone. Acquiescence in such a demand would probably cost more than the facade of a Middle East command would be worth.

Egypt alone does not have either the strength or the technical skills to defend the canal or to maintain and operate all of the canal's facilities or to maintain and operate the extensive British military and supply installations in the zone. The canal is truly an international waterway, used by all the great powers; to entrust its sole protection and operation to Egypt would risk much for the sake of little.

British a Stabilizing Factor

Moreover, the canal zone is the best remaining British base in the Middle Eastern area. Almost 70,000 British troops are now stationed there; their presence is almost the sole strength and stabilizing influence in an area devoid of military strength. Some of these troops could be moved to Cyprus, some perhaps to Jordan, but there is no other area so centrally situated and with such extensive military facilities. If the British leave Suez entirely, the step may ameliorate political difficulties with Egypt; but the political gain will be outweighed by the military loss; the Middle Eastern area will become more of a power vacuum than ever.

A British withdrawal from Suez, even though it might lead in time to the establishment of a Middle East command, would not mean the substitution of Arab power for British power. Arab military power is weak and ineffective, and weakness, centrally commanded, does not spell strength. The importance of a unified command, national or international, has been stressed so often that we tend to mistake it for strength, yet, as of today, a Middle East command could be at best a facade, a hollow shell. Such a command could have virtually no meaning unless British strength — some of it in the Suez Canal zone — were an important component of it, or unless American strength and Turkish strength substituted for British strength. Our policies in the Middle East, therefore, would weaken, rather than aid, our cause, if they should help to bring about a total withdrawal from the Suez zone or a general weakening of British power in the area.

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A COLLEAGUE on his way from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to report the Knesset session happened to get on a bus that was just leaving town. When he had fought his way in and suspended himself from a convenient strap he began to wonder why the driver had agreed to take him after the central station, and discovered that it was a "Collector" bus, one that stops every mile or so of the way to

pick up and set down passengers for intermediate stations, and is normally of course scorned by passengers from the cities. It also takes at least an extra half-hour to arrive. Presently he saw a familiar face — Dr. Boger, now the oldest member of the Knesset and as such entitled to open the first session each term but, as Dr. Bograchov, also our traveller's one-time school principal at there Herzlia School in Tel Aviv. How did he come to be on this bus, asked the newspaperman? Was this the best the Knesset could do for its members? Dr. Boger said, no, one could always go by taxi. But if you wanted to know what the people of the country thought, this was the place to hear it in comfort, and not the Knesset. He always travelled by bus, and by the "Collector" at that, and he always heard something new on the way.

We don't remember exactly how long ago the great Soviet-Invasion of this country began, but it was the time of the book drought, when the Government had refused to allocate foreign currency for books. Then everybody who could read Russian suddenly turned up smirking with half a dozen books under his arm — not perhaps the precise ones they would have chosen, but books anyway, that had each cost about as much as a third-hand Reader's Digest dates September 1948. By a curious coincidence, some arrangement was achieved not long after by which Israel is able to buy American books without foreign currency, and those who read English could smirk back. To the buyer, the books are charged at a pound the dollar, which is not cheap, but does not seem to stop people from buying the books. If you want something a little less expensive, you may how try one of the new anti-Soviet Russian books that have now appeared on the market, and which are sold at two dollars to the pound.

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THE first Israel student to be granted a scholarship by the Rotary Foundation Fellowship in Chicago is having a difficult time. He is Bahjat Khleif, a Nazareth-born Christian Arab student at the Hebrew University. Prior to his departure to the United States, where he will be enabled to continue his studies, Bahjat was invited to tour all Israel Rotary clubs and tell the members who chose him what he plans to do. He could manage nicely in Tel Aviv, where he spoke the classical Hebrew he has acquired at the University; in Nazareth he simply spoke Arabic, so that was fine; Haifa was not too bad, for it is a mixed club with a number of foreign members, and he was asked to speak English, which he knows well, but in Nahariya he was asked please to try German, and at that point he gave up.

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FOR the second time in a few months Britain is suffering from pea-soup fog. A man from London who was here recently told us that the first fog had been the most terrifying thing he had ever experienced. As you left the security of your own garden gate the world was swallowed up. You groped anxiously for the garden fence to guide you along the pavement, much as the blind man clings to his dog's leash, but it was impossible to to fight off the conviction of some fearful, cosmic, catastrophe which had left you the sole survivor of a stricken earth. Looking at the clear Israel sunshine he added, a little shamefacedly, that many other people had had the same feeling. Once he had lost his grip on the wall he was trailing and strayed across the road till the long face of a horse suddenly loomed out of the murkiness at him. "Believe me, I almost hugged the horse, just because he was another living creature."

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I KNOW a customs official" writes a correspondent. "I asked him one day whether he had been the man to find the watches and sunglasses in the

tins of butter. 'No,' he answered, but I did once pick out a tin labelled chicken soup because it rattled peculiarly, as though there might be metal parts inside it. We opened the tin and found that it was chicken bones."

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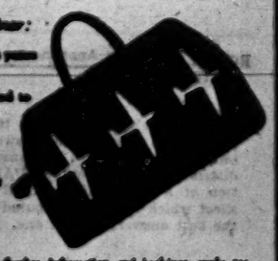

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